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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 1888

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ETRD, WB

SUBJ: EAST-WEST ECONOMIC COOPERATION CENTER IN WEST BERLIN

1. DR FINK OF BERLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL ATTEND NATIONAL COUNCIL OF FOREIGN TRADE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE ON EAST-WEST TRADE IN NEW YOK NOVEMBER 12-14 AND WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL FOR EAST-WEST ECONOMIC COOPERATION CENTER IN BERLIN WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE LAZARUS AND WITH DIRECTOR OF STATE'S OFFICE OF EAST-WEST TRADE, WRIGHT, OR OTHER WHOM WASHINGTON AGENCIES MAY SUGGEST, EITHER DURING
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CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK OR ON NOVEMBER 15 OR 16 IN WASHINGTON.

FYI: IN EVENT THAT APPROPRIATE MEETINGS CAN BE ARRANGED FOR FINK, DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS (IN CONVERSATION WITH MISOFF) ADVANCED FOLLOWING ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF BERLIN LOCATION FOR CENTER:

A) PROPOSED CENTER WOULD BE PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE ESTABLISHED UNDER PRE-WAR LAW NOW VALID IN BOTH FRG AND GDR. ITS LEGAL STATUS WOULD BE SIMILAR TO SUCH PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS IN EC AREA AS ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN CLOTHING INDUSTRIES ESTABLISHED UNDER BELGIAN LAW. THEREFORE, QUESTION OF STATUS OF FRG OFFICES IN BERLIN OR OF RELATIONSHIP TO INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ECE SHOULD NOT ARISE.

B) HIGH-LEVEL APPROVALS IN EAST EVENTUALLY NEEDED BUT CSCE NOT NECESSARILY BEST FORUM TO USE, AT LEAST AT THIS TIME.

C) PRE-REQUISTIE FOR FURTHER PROGRESS WOULD BE CLEAR INDICATIONS OF NO OBJECTION FROM FRG AND THREE ALLIES. END FYI

3. MISSION CAN TRANSMIT RESPONSE TO FINK IF RECEIVED BEFORE NOVEMBER 9.

HE CAN BE REACHED LATER THROUGH ROY BLUMENTHAL INC., TELEX 234441 NEW YORK. FINK IS ALSO INFORMING FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OF HIS INTEREST.KLEIN

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